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an engine-controlled by the printer controller for printing an image corresponding to the rint data to paper.

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6. (Amended) A method for printing a confidential document in a printer comprising:

reading print type information received through a communication interface together with a print data file and determining whether a user set the print type information to be either general printing or confidential printing with respect to the document file to be printed;

requesting a user to input a secret code when the print type information is set to be confidential printing; and

printing-an-image corresponding to the print data to paper when the secret code input by the user is the same as the secret code set in the print type information.

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8. (Amended) A method for printing a confidential document-in an image printing system including a computer and a printer connected to the computer by a communication interface comprising:

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requesting a user to select either general printing or confidential printing of setting a secret code with respect to a document file to be printed on a print type selection menu screen using an input device when there is a print request command through the input device of the computer;

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transferring information, on the selected print type and a print data file obtained by converting the document file into a language for the printer, to the printer;

reading information on the print type transferred to the printer together with the print data file and requesting the user to input a secret code with respect to a confidential print data file selected to be printed and received;

determining whether the input secret code is the same as the secret code previously set in the print type information; and

performing the printing of the received print data file when it is determined that the input secret code is the same as the secret code.